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TAGS: PINT, BM
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

1. DURING EMBASSY WORKING HOURS APRIL 21 MR. H. A. JEEWA CAME TO THE CHANCERY TO REQUEST "POLITICAL ASYLUM". HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE ACTING DCM.

2. MR. JEEWA'S REQUEST WAS BASED ON HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE CURRENT BURMESE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND ON HIS BELIEF THAT HE WAS SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF HIS INDIAN ORIGIN. THE ADCM EXPLAINED U.S. POLICY ON POLITICAL ASYLUM AND PERSUADED MR. JEEWA VOLUNTARILY TO SEEK HELP ELSEWHERE. MR. JEEWA SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO APPROACH THE INDIAN EMBASSY BECAUSE HE WAS TOO "WESTERNIZED" BUT HE REQUESTED AND WAS GIVEN THE LOCAL ADDRESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICES.

3. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT MR. JEEWA WAS IN ANY DANGER OF ARREST BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

4. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO SECTION 228.5 OF FAM VOLUME 2:

A) H. A. JEEWA, A BURMESE CITIZEN OF INDIAN ORIGIN.
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B) UNKNOWN.

C) MR. JEEWA PRESENTED NO DOCUMENTATION EXCEPT A LETTER PROFESSING HIS BELIEF IN DEMOCRACY AND HIS OPPOSITION TO THE BURMESE POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND REQUESTING "POLITICAL ASYLUM".

D) THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE BURMESE OR ANY OTHER
AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF MR. JEEWA'S REQUEST.

E) SEE ABOVE.

F) U.S. EMBASSY, RANGOON.

G) SEE ABOVE.

H. MR. JEEWA SAID THAT NO CRIMINAL OR OTHER CHARGES WERE PENDING
AGAINST HIM.

I) UNKNOWN.
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